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SUBJ: NEXT CRITERIA DISCUSSIONS AND BELGIAN PROPOSAL
FOR MAJORITY VOTING

REF: A. STATE 278862; B. PARIS 31517 (NOTAL);
C. STATE 279503 (NOTAL)

1. AT NOVEMBER 22 COCOM MEETING US DEL READ STATEMENT
REF A. WITH ALL OTHER DELEGATATIONS AREEING TO DECEMBER
13, IT WAS DECIDED THAT THE NEXT CRITERIA DISCUSSIONS
WOULD BEGIN ON THAT DAY AT 3 P.M.

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2. SINCE COCOM MEETING, USDEL HAS SPOKEN TO ALL OTHER
DELEGATES (EXCEPT BELGIAN AND NORWEGIAN) OFFERING
OPPORTUNITY OF BILATERALS WITH U.S. PRIOR TO DECEMBER 13
AND OUTLINING POINTS PARAS 6-8 REF A. GERMAN DEL
STATED IMMEDIATELY THAT HE THOUGHT IDEA OF BILATERALS
WAS AN EXCELLENT ONE AND THAT BONN WOULD PROBABLY BE

THE BEST LOCATION. HE WILL BE CHECKING FURTHER WITH HIS AUTHORITIES. DUTCH DEL DOUBTED THAT HIS AUTHORITIES WOULD SEE NEED FOR BILATERALS WITH U.S. PRIOR TO DECEMBER 13. FRENCH QUESTIONED NEED OF BILATERALS WITH U.S. SINCE FRENCH POSITION ON BELGIAN PROPOSAL INCORPORATING MAJORITY VOTING IS VERY CLEAR, NAMELY FRANCE COULD ACCEPT THIS PROPOSAL IF ALL OTHER MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE AGREE, I.E., IT IS ADOPTED ON THE BASIS OF A UNANIMOUS VOTE (REF B). ALL OTHER DELEGATES ARE REPORTING U.S. DEL'S APPROACH TO THEIR AUTHORITIES.

3. MISSION NOTES THAT, ACCORDING TO REF C, DEPARTMENT

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HAS INFORMED BRITISH EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVE THAT U.S. POSITION ON BELGIAN PROPOSAL FOR MAJORITY VOTING IN COCOM "NOT YET BEEN AGREED AND THAT IT WOULD BE AWKWARD FOR US TO TAKE A DEFINITIVE POSITION BEFORE OTHERS DID." US DEL WAS INSTRUCTED TO INFORM THE OTHER DELEGATES (PARA 6, REF A), THAT "USG IS DEEPLY

CONCERNED OVER THE THREAT TO THE CONSENSUS APPROACH
PRESENTED BY THE BELGIAN PROPOSAL." STATEMENT MADE
TO BRITISH EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVE SUGGESTS THAT IT IS
POSSIBLE USG COULD VOTE FOR BELGIAN PROPOSAL INCORPO-
RATING MAJORITY VOTING DEPENDING ON HOW THE OTHER COCOM
MEMBERS FINALLY COME DOWN ON THIS MATTER. MISSION
REQUESTS CLARIFICATION OF DEPARTMENT'S PRESENT
THINKING ON THIS POINT. IF IT IS THE POLICY OF THE
USG THAT WE COULD NOT SUPPORT THE BELGIAN PROPOSAL
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INCORPORATING MAJORITY VOTING WE SHOULD NOW MAKE
THIS CLEAR IN UNEQUIVOCAL TERMS TO THE OTHER MEMBER
GOVERNMENTS WHILE MAINTAINING OUR WILLINGNESS TO
SEEK OTHER MEANS TO IMPROVE COCOM
OPERATIONS. IT IS OUR IMPRESSION THAT SOME OF THE
OTHER GOVERNMENTS ARE LOOKING TO THE U.S. LEAD IN
THIS AFFAIR SINCE THE BELGIAN PROPOSAL IS AIMED
PRIMARILY AT THE U.S. PERFORMANCE IN COCOM.
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